



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-01**

I, John Hoeven, Governor of the state of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby order that a state of emergency exists in the state of North Dakota in the counties of Burleigh and Emmons due to a wildland fire that began on April 9, 2003, and continues.

I further order that all state departments and administrators respond with fire resources and capabilities to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize or avert the effects of this emergency in this state.
4. The Fire Danger Index remains in elevated categories for this area making conditions conducive to wildland fire activity, posing a continued threat to property and public safety.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

John Hoeven  
Governor

By: /s/  
Jack Dalrymple  
Lieutenant Governor

ATTEST:  
/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State